

## **Town of Wethersfield Conservation Commission - Minutes of the March 13, 2013 Meeting**

Vice Chairman Bob Pulford called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. in the Town Manager's Conference Room on the first floor of the Town Hall. Those attending included Commissioners Ingrid Boelhouwer, Ralph Moyer, Dave Herold and Rick Doran. Also in attendance was Kathy Bagley, Director, Parks & Recreation.

- I. Approval of the Minutes** – The first order of business was the approval of the Minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2013. The Minutes were reviewed and approved, as presented, in a motion by Rick Doran, seconded by Dave Herold; motion passed unanimously.
- II. Update from Kathy Bagley** – First, Kathy accepted a letter of resignation, addressed to the Town Manager, from Ingrid Boelhouwer, who is moving out of town in April. A motion was made by Ralph Moyer, seconded by Bob Pulford that the Commission acknowledge and thank Ingrid for her more than twenty years of exemplary service as a member of the Conservation Commission. The motion passed unanimously and Ingrid was greeted to a sustained round of warm and sincere applause.
  - Kathy then informed the Commission that the Open Space Inventory has been input into the Town database and information includes criteria for consideration, plus a list of the top ranked open space properties.
  - Discussion followed about the desirability of the Kycia property and the possible purchase of the development rights to the property.
  - Kathy informed the Commission that the ongoing Plan of Conservation and Development is ready for a final public hearing on April 2, 2013, after which it will then be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission for review and approval, and then it will be presented to the Town Council for its final review and approval.

No update from the Mayor, as she was not present.

No Old Business was discussed.

New Business discussion and comments from the public included remarks by Mark Kulmacz of 37 Old Pewter Lane, regarding activity on the Zawisza property on Elm Street, which had been the subject of an earlier application denied by the Planning & Zoning Commission. It appears that some stump and brush removal is being performed on the site, with at least three pieces of equipment on the site, to ready the land for future planting of a pumpkin crop, according to the landowners. Activity on the site should be monitored to ensure the landowner remains in compliance with the terms of the P & Z application denial.

- Motion to adjourn was then made by Dave Herold, seconded by Ralph Moyer, and the motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.
- Respectfully submitted by Rick Doran.